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Hughes Indicted

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal court of appeals has reindicted the late Howard Hughes and other officials of his Summa Corp. for alleged stock manipulation in the 1968 purchase of Air West.

U.S. Attorney Lawrence Semenza, in Las Vegas, said that the ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals informed him of the decision to reinstate the twice-dismissed indictment.

The indictment, handed down in December, 1973, accused the billionaire and other persons involved with Summa Corp. of stock manipulation, fraud and conspiracy in the acquisition of Hughes Airwest, then known as Air West.

U.S. District Court Judge Bruce R. Thompson first threw out the indictment in Reno in January, 1974. Hughes and the others were reindicted on July 30 of that year, and Thompson dismissed it again in November.